

The Lord's Service

December 4, 2022

**Standing together is our ordinary practice,
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Doug and Rose Frazier

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship *All Creatures of Our God and King*
Bell Choir

God Calls Us

Call to Worship

Only God Himself can call
us into worship. He sets
the terms for worship
because, through His Son,
He makes worship possible.

*Call to Worship

Revelation 4.9-11

LEADER: And whenever the living creatures give glory and
honor and thanks to him who is seated on the
throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-
four elders fall down before him who is seated
on the throne and worship him who lives forever
and ever. They cast their crowns before the
throne, saying,

PEOPLE: **“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to
receive glory and honor and power, for you
created all things, and by your will they
existed and were created.”**

*Hymn of Adoration

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Words: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413)

Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, arranged by Charles Winfred Douglass (1916)

Hymnal No. 162

Invocation

This prayer addresses God
in three persons, asking
Him to be present with
us in worship to help
us worship Him according
to His will.

*Invocation

by Elder Ken Henry

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

1 John 1.8-10

LEADER: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

PEOPLE: If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his Word is not in us.

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Book of Common Prayer*, London, 1789

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5.17

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“... if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance

Rejoice, All Ye Believers

Words: Laurentius Lurenti (1700)

Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry Smart (1836)

Hymnal No. 320

Call to Confession

As we see God in His invitation and our praise, we cannot help but see how we have fallen short. God's

Holy Scripture has the authority to reveal us to ourselves and transition our hearts to confession.

Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. This prayer begins with silent confession, followed by corporate confession as people equally in need of God's grace.

Assurance of Pardon

Holy Scripture assures Christians, sinners saved by grace, that they are united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Listen to this reading (lesson) to prepare for the sermon.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2.8-18 (p. 857)
read by Elder Ernie Brown

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

We set aside a tithe and additional offering of our resources for the purposes of God, for His glory. Both are a display of our joyful dependence upon God rather than ourselves.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Words: Gregorian chant

Music: arranged by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw (1958)

Sanctuary Choir

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-Spring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
O come, O come.

Doxology

A doxology is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory. The *Gloria Patri* is another example of a doxology.

*Doxology

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be,
honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor John Jones

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 52.6-15 (p. 613)

- ⁶ Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here I am.”
- ⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”
- ⁸ The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
- ⁹ Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
- ¹⁰ The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.
- ¹¹ Depart, depart, go out from there;
touch no unclean thing;
go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves,
you who bear the vessels of the Lord.
- ¹² For you shall not go out in haste,
and you shall not go in flight,
for the Lord will go before you,
and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

Prayer of the Church

We share in our health and sickness, happiness and sorrow, assurance and doubt, as we bring our prayers to God, together. Holy Scripture commands elders to pray with and for God’s people, not just publicly, but privately.

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Follow along with this text (lesson) that directs the sermon.

¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
 he shall be high and lifted up,
 and shall be exalted.

¹⁴ As many were astonished at you—
 his appearance was so marred, beyond human
 semblance,
 and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations.
 Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
 for that which has not been told them they see,
 and that which they have not heard they understand.

Sermon

A preacher is commanded
 to faithfully steward
 God's Word by submitting
 to it, studying it, and
 expositing it (holding it
 forth), bearing witness to
 Jesus, by the power of the
 Holy Spirit.

Sermon

by Pastor Jake Bennett

WONDERFUL PURSUIT

*Hymn of Response

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Words: Charles Wesley (1758)

Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers (1763)

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The Lord's Table

Confession of Faith

By confessing our faith
 together using statements
 believed by Christians
 over the ages, we join
 in the sweep of Christian
 history even as we await
 the return of Jesus.

*Confession of Faith

*Heidelberg Catechism, 15
 (1563)*

LEADER: Christian, what manner of Mediator and
 Redeemer must we seek?

PEOPLE: One who is a true and sinless man, and yet
 more powerful than all creatures, that is, one
 who is at the same time, true God.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Instruction

Please approach using the outer aisles and return using the center aisle. Juice is served in clear cups. Wine is served in tinted cups. Allergy-sensitive bread is available next to the tray (see page 11 for ingredients). An elder will offer to bring the meal to those who prefer to remain seated.

Sursum Corda

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Sursum Corda

We don't fixate on the
table, bread, and wine, but
lift our hearts to Jesus in
the glory of His Father.

The Institution and Prayer

Hymn for Distribution *We Shall Feast in the House of Zion*

Words and Music: Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore (2015)

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Ministry in Music

Magnificat

Words: from Luke 1.46-55

Music: Randall Thompson

Nicole Lewin, soprano

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden:
for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.
He hath shewed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;
As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever.

Hymn

Amazing Grace, vs. 1-3, 6

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thro’ many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

*When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’ve first begun.

God Commissions Us

Benediction

Just as God calls us to
worship at the beginning of
the service, He graciously
sends us into our week
with a blessing (good
word) founded on the
redeeming work of Jesus.

*Benediction

Romans 15.13

by Pastor Jake Bennett

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you
may abound in hope.

Postlude

SERMON NOTES

Title: Wonderful Pursuit

Sermon Text: Isaiah 52.6-15

Because the Lord pursues a people who have rejected Him... (vv. 6-7)

We will sing! (vv. 7-9)

We will depart! (vv. 10-12)

We will follow! (vv. 13-15)

Mission Statement of CPC

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by making Christ known in all of life.

Vision Statement of CPC

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by reverently and winsomely proclaiming the salvation we have received from Christ, the union we enjoy with Him, and the restoration He brings to all things.

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re-stored. "He has



done great things", we will say to - ge - ther. We will feast and weep no more.



1. We will not be burned	by the fire,	He is the Lord our
2. In the dark of night	be-fore the dawn,	my soul, be not a -
3. Ev - ery vow we've bro -	ken and be trayed,	You are the faith - ful



God.	We are not con sumed	by the flood:	up - held, pro- tect - ed,	ga - thered up.
fraid,	for the pro-mised mor -	ning, O how long,	O God of Ja - cob,	be my strength.
one,	and_ from the gar -	den to the grave,	Bind us to - ge - ther	bring sha - lom.

WELCOME

We are glad you joined us this morning! If this is your first visit with us, please take a moment to fill out one of the Connection Cards located in each pew.

Join us in the lobby for coffee and fellowship before Sunday school. If you are visiting or are newer to Covenant, consider visiting the Essentials class designed for you that meets in the Sanctuary.

We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor John Jones preaches from Hebrews 4.15-16.

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For those with children:

Here at Covenant your children are welcome and wanted in worship! Understandably, little ones sometimes have a hard time sitting quietly through a service. We have a special bulletin designed for these Little Theologians. They are available in the narthex (don't forget the crayons!). A window-enclosed Family Worship Room (on the right side of the sanctuary) is also available for you to use. It is a place for children to be a little louder and more active. A family restroom and a nursing mothers' room are located in the back of this room. A nursery is also available for children 2 years-old and under. Any deacon can direct you there.

ALLERGY-SENSITIVE BREAD FOR LORD'S SUPPER

Allergy-sensitive bread ingredients:
tapioca starch, water, potato starch, potato flakes, palm oil, honey, egg yolks, natural vinegar, salt

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 4 - *Second Sunday of Advent*

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Congregational Mtg - Sanctuary - 11 am
Choir Lunch & Rehearsal - O-100 - 12 pm

Wednesday, December 7

Midweek Meal - O-100 - 5:30 pm
Mission Report on Africa - O-100 - 6:45 PM
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -
see website for class list
Session Mtg - O-105 - 8:15 pm

Friday, December 9

Men's Proverb Study - O-105 - 8:30 am
Five Love Languages of Teens Study - E-111 -
10 am

Saturday, December 10

Women's Advent Gathering - O-100 - 4 pm

Sunday, December 11 - *Third Sunday of Advent*

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School
Knotts Newlywed Shower - Pearce house - 2 pm

MORE INFORMATION

Our church website and calendar are updated daily. Visit cpcchatt.org for resources, activities, and information about the life of our church.

Contact the church office to request access to our online directory.

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the office at office@cpcchatt.org to make an appointment.

COVENANT LIFE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please plan to attend our annual Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary this morning after worship. During this time we will vote on the trustees for the 2023 CPC Board of Directors and Pastor Jones' resignation.

KNOTTS NEWLYWED SHOWER

You are invited to a Newlywed Shower in honor of Michael and Katie Knotts. Michael is the eldest son of Steve and Tammy Knotts. Let's celebrate with them as they begin their lives together!

The shower will be at Becky Pearce's home on Sunday, December 11 from 2-4 pm. Join us!

Michael and Katie are registered on theknot.com. Go to that website and click on couple finder and enter *Michael Knotts*, the month: *October*, and year: *2022*.



COLLEGE & CAREER CLASS BRUNCH

Tim and Bonnie Schoap invite all college students and young adults to a Christmas brunch during Sunday School on December 11. They will meet in O-207. Come ready for food and fellowship!

ADVENT READING GUIDES

Advent Reading Guides are available in the Narthex. Be sure to pick up a copy for your family as you leave today. They have golden yellow covers this year. A digital version is also available on the our website's home page. By clicking the link located below the scrolling announcements.

CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

The December calendar is now available outside the Church Office.

BUDGET REPORT

Through November 27:

Giving To Date:	\$1,191,256
Annual Budget Need:	\$1,984,930
Needed By Year-end:	\$ 793,674

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Terri Jackson and her family on the loss of her mother, Elaine Jackson.

Christian sympathy is extended to Bev Mealor and her family on the loss of her sister, Ellen Allison.

COVENANT LIFE

CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Mark your calendars to join us on Sunday, December 18 at 7 pm for our Christmas concert.

MEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION

The Men's Ministry is hosting a Winter Retreat at Johnston Woods on January 20-21. We will focus on *Who We Are in Christ*. Dr. Herb Ward will be our special guest speaker.

Sign up online at cpcchatt.org. The cost is \$50 to attend. Scholarships are available. High school boys are invited to join us, and their attendance is FREE.

Make plans to join us for this rich weekend of teaching and fellowship.

CLOTHES CLOSET UPDATE

The Clothes Closet is not "officially" open this year, but it will open again Fall 2023. If you have clothes bagged or on hangers, you may leave them in the bins located in the alcove of the Youth Stairwell, just off the Lobby. Those items will be stored until next fall. Other items, such as socks, caps, gloves, etc. are welcome for this year; only new, still wrapped undergarments are accepted. We are looking forward to next fall, as we collected so many items last year. These were greatly appreciated by many organizations. If you have any questions, please call Joan or Rich Denkingner at 423-605-9677 or 423-605-9676.

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

You are invited to join us Sunday, December 18 for our annual churchwide Christmas Fellowship. Brunch will begin in the Fellowship Hall as Sunday School concludes. It is always a sweet time of encouragement as we gather during the busy holiday season. This year, we will share brunch favorites "potluck style." Be watching for more information.

LORD'S SUPPER ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas falls on Sunday this year. We will meet together for regular worship that morning and will also celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Join us for this time together in worship as we rejoice that our Savior came and dwelled among us.

OCC REPORT

Praise the Lord! Covenant collected and filled 404 shoeboxes (260 were assembled on Packing Day alone). Nineteen boxes were built through the Build-A-Shoebox-Online program this year. Our 2022 grand total is 423 shoeboxes!

Jim and Bonnie Folkening are our winners of the Dollywood Tickets drawing.

Thanks to all who packed boxes and entered the drawing. You will reach many children, their families, and communities with the gospel of Jesus Christ!



Join us for a time of food, fellowship, and encouragement as we celebrate Jesus' promised coming. We want to "*stir up one another to love and good works*" during this Advent season. We will focus on "*encouraging one another*" as well as some of our missionaries as they take the good news of Jesus' Advent around the world.

Registration ends today. Ladies will be available in the Narthex to help you register after worship and the Congregational Meeting. The cost is \$8 per person.

ADVENT GATHERING

4 - 6 PM | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

LADIES OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED
REGISTRATION ENDS ON DECEMBER 4

COST: \$8

Visit [cpcchatt.org/ministry/
women](https://cpcchatt.org/ministry/women)



CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 4: No Sunday School
Wednesday, December 14: Christmas Party
Sunday, December 18: Last Sunday School Class
of 2022

YOUTH CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Wednesday, December 14: Last Midweek
Friday, December 16: MS Christmas Party
Saturday, December 17: HS Progressive Dinner

Advent Calendars for Children

Families of children age 2 through 5th grade are invited to pick up an Advent Calendar to share as a family. They are located in the Welcome Center in a large basket. Let's count down together!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Consider volunteering for nursery duty. Contact Bekah Gernhard at nursery@cpccchatt.org and let her know when you are available to serve.

NURSERY – TODAY	NURSERY – DECEMBER 11
Front Desk: John Pearce	Front Desk: Lauren Warren
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Emily Calloway (Infant Room) Jeannie Hall (Infant Room) Tammy Knotts (Toddler Room) Bea Sanders (Toddler Room)	Sarah Wade (Infant Room) Sylvia Wade (Infant Room) Fiona Wade (Toddler Room) Tim Warren (Toddler Room)
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
---- Congregational Meeting ----	Diane Lazor (Infant Room) Donna Schreiner (Infant Room) <i>Volunteer Needed</i> (Toddler Room)

MIDWEEK

SUGGESTED DONATION

Our Midweek Meal is a great way to connect during the week. The cost per meal is suggested only. If you don't have the full amount, don't worry. Pay what you can. If you are able to donate more as a blessing to others, it is appreciated. Visitors enjoy a free meal.

- Adult: \$6 / Child (5-11): \$4
- Family Max: \$20
- Cash or Check (Put in Cash Box)
- Pay Online (cpcchatt.org/give or scan QR code)



MIDWEEK MEAL INGREDIENTS

In an effort to simplify Wednesday evening meal prep for our kitchen staff and avoid possible allergic reactions, we are asking those with allergy issues or dietary restrictions who wish to know the ingredients of meals beforehand to sign up for a weekly email. This email will include the ingredients used in preparing the meal and if any adaptations are available (gluten free, dairy free, etc.).

Even if a particular meal doesn't work for you, please feel free to bring a meal that does and join us for fellowship. If you wish to be added to this list, please email Nicky Lewin, our Kitchen Services Coordinator, at NLewin@cpcchatt.org.

December Midweek Menu



December 7: Lasagna, Roasted Garlic Sourdough Bread, Roasted Veggies, Salad Bar, Berry Cheesecake

December 14: Beef Burgundy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Chocolate Candy Cane Cake

OUTREACH

CPC MISSIONARIES IN NW AFRICA



Josiah & Miriam

Due to the sensitive areas in which these missionaries serve, their picture and last names are withheld.

Josiah and Miriam serve with Mission to the World (MTW) to the Daza people in Africa. In 2018, they headed to live among the Daza. Nearly 100% of the Daza are Muslim. There have been few efforts at church planting among them, but Josiah and Miriam have a desire to translate the Bible into Dazaga for them. They have been on furlough in the United States since the summer.

Please pray for them and their expanding ministry in these particular ways:

- That God would open the hearts of the Daza so they would hear and believe the gospel
- For continued support as they return to serve in Africa
- For their children
- For safe travel as they return to Africa
- For a vehicle to use when they return to Africa

Alphabet Dazaga (Gorane)

Ɔ_A, Ɔ_{BA}, Ɔ_{TA}, Ɔ_{SA}, Ɔ_{CHA}, Ɔ_{DJA}, Ɔ_{HAA},
Ɔ_{KHA}, Ɔ_{KA}, Ɔ_{LA}, Ɔ_{MA}, Ɔ_{NA}, Ɔ_{WA}, Ɔ_{LO},
Ɔ_{GA}, Ɔ_I, Ɔ_{ZA}, Ɔ_E, Ɔ_{RA}, Ɔ_U, Ɔ_{YA},
Ɔ_{GNA}, Ɔ_{FA}, Ɔ_{TCHA}, Ɔ_{EN}, Ɔ_{DAAL}, Ɔ_{PA}, Ɔ_U,
Ɔ_{VA}, Ɔ_{ERE}, Ɔ_{HA}, Ɔ_{DAAD}

CPC MISSIONARIES WITH TRANS WORLD RADIO



Andy & Kathy Napier

Andy and Kathy serve with Trans World Radio (TWR). Andy has been working in Christian radio for over 30 years. For 22 of those years, Andy was with Moody Radio in Chattanooga. In 2013, the Napiers moved to TWR's Headquarters in Cary, NC, to begin work there. Andy hosts and produces *Footsteps*--a daily 2-minute radio program which airs on more than 180 stations in the U.S. Kathy works as an accounts payable specialist in TWR's finance department. Their oldest son, Sam, now serves in the maintenance department while their youngest son, John Edward, recently graduated from high school.

Please pray for them and their ministry in these particular ways:

- Praise for continued strong support from faithful ministry partners.
- Andy has a number of upcoming work trips. Please pray for safety as he travels and successful campaigns. Pray for Kathy and the boys while he's away.
- For God's gracious undergirding in trying times in India



